

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY (Joint Inventors)

We, Roger Lee Siferd, Matthew C. Ankrom, and Larry E. Porter, hereby declare that we are, respectively,

a citizen of the United States, residing at 11029 TR180, Findlay, Ohio 45840;

a citizen of the United States, residing at 706 Hawthorne Road, Findlay, Ohio 45840;

a citizen of the United States, residing at 554 W. Lincoln, Findlay, Ohio 45840;

that we have reviewed and understand the content of the attached specification, including the claims (Jones, Day, Reavis & Pogue Docket No. 772490100010), and we believe that we are the original, first, and joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed herein and for which a patent is sought on the invention or discovery entitled

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and that we acknowledge our duty to disclose information of which we are aware which is material to the examination of this application, in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a).

We hereby designate the following as our mailing address and telephone number:

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and appoint each of the following as our attorneys with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith:

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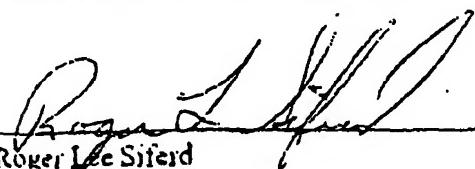
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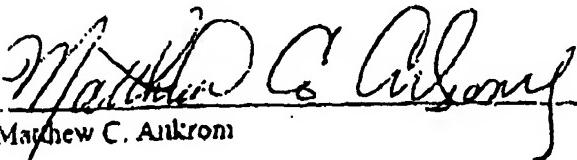
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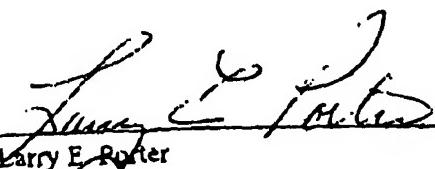
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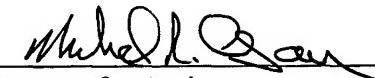

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Attached is a copy of the recorded Assignment from the previous application showing the chain of title from the inventors to the Assignee.



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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, I, as below named inventors, am a sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or a joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of certain new and useful improvements in

PIPE STRUCTURE, METHODS OF MANUFACTURE AND APPARATUS FOR SAME

AND WHEREAS, Hancor, Inc., an Ohio corporation with offices at 401 Olive Street, Findlay, Ohio 45839-1047 (hereinafter referenced as ASSIGNEE) is desirous of acquiring all, interest in, to and under said invention, said application disclosing the invention and in, to and under any Letters Patent or similar legal protection which may be granted therefor in the United States and in any and all foreign countries;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00), and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, I, as a sole or joint inventor as indicated below, by these presents do hereby assign, sell and transfer unto the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns, and legal representatives, the entire right, title and interest in the said invention, said application, including any divisions and continuations thereof, and in and to any and all Letters Patent of the United States, and countries foreign thereto, which may be granted for said invention, and in and to any and all priority rights and/or convention rights under the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, Inter-American Convention Relating to Patents, Designs and Industrial Models, and any other international agreements to which the United States of America adheres, and to any other benefits accruing or to accrue to me with respect to the filing of applications for patents or securing of patents in the United States and countries foreign thereto, and I hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents to issue the said United States Letters Patent to said ASSIGNEE, as the assignees of the whole right, title and interest thereto;

And I further agree to execute all necessary or desirable and lawful future documents, including assignments in favor of ASSIGNEE or its designee, as ASSIGNEE or its successors, assigns and legal representatives may from time-to-time present to me and without further remuneration, in order to perfect title in said invention, modifications, and improvements in said invention, applications and Letters Patent of the United States and countries foreign thereto;

And I further agree to properly execute and deliver and without further remuneration, such necessary or desirable and lawful papers for application for foreign patents, for filing subdivisions of said application for patent, and or, for obtaining any reissue or

reissues of any Letters patent which may be granted for my aforesaid invention, as the ASSIGNEE thereof shall hereafter require and prepare at its own expense;

And I further agree that ASSIGNEE will, upon its request, be provided promptly with all pertinent facts and documents relating to said application, said invention and said Utters Patent and legal equivalents in foreign countries as may be known and accessible to me and will testify as to the same in any interference or litigation related thereto;

And I hereby covenant that no assignment, sale, agreement or encumbrance has been or will be made or entered into which would conflict with this assignment and sale.

And I hereby authorize and request my attorney(s) of record in this application to insert the serial number and filing date of this application in the spaces that follow: Serial Number:
09/245,766, Filing Date: February 5, 1999.

This assignment executed on the dates indicated below.

Date

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**GENERAL POWER OF ATTORNEY BY ASSIGNEE
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